

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1, 3-5, 11-12, and 14-19.

The Examiner allowed the subject matter of claims 1, 3-5, and 14-19.

The Examiner stated that claims 11 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

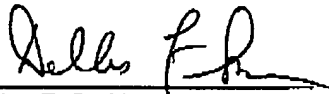
In response, Applicant has cancelled claims 6, 9, and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant has further withdrawn claims 21-26 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the rights to file the subject matter of these claims in a divisional application.

Applicant has amended claim 11 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 6, 9, and 10.

Applicant notes that claim 12, as previously presented, is already in an independent form.

In view of the above comments and amendments, and having dealt with all of the matters raised by the Examiner, early and favourable consideration of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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